

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 are pending. Claims 2 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-9, and 12-23 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the July 1, 2005 Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-9, and 12-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being obvious over Doherty et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,101,170 (hereinafter the Doherty reference), in view of Wood, U.S. Patent No. 6,108,702 (hereinafter the Wood reference). Claims 1, 4-9, and 12-23 have been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Applicants have rewritten in independent form claims 2 and 10 in accordance with the Examiner's remarks, and have slightly amended such claims for reasons of form. Claims 3 and 10 continue to depend from amended independent claims 2 and 10, respectively. Applicants believe that rewritten independent claims 2 and 10, and dependent claims 3 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing

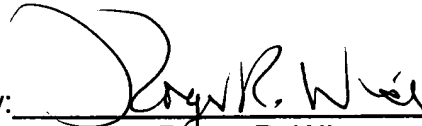
the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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